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PREDATOR ARRESTED BY ICE DETENTION AND REMOVAL OFFICERS

Predator's victim was an 8-year-old girl

DEFUNIAK SPRINGS, FL - U.S. Immigration and Customs Enforcement (ICE) detention and removal officers arrested here on Tuesday a 48-year-old citizen of Mexico convicted of indecency with a child in the second degree.

Lorenzo Alfredo Macias was convicted in El Paso, Texas on Sept. 17, 1986. His victim was an 8-year-old girl.

Macias entered the United States as a Lawful Permanent Resident (LPR) on May 24, 1982; however, his criminal convictions made him amenable to removal.



Macias was placed into administrative removal proceedings on June 21, 2002 after violating his probation with the state. Macias, as an aggravated felon, was found removable under Section 273 (a) (2) (A) (iii) of the Immigration and Nationality Act (INA). An immigration judge revoked his lawful status and ordered him removed on June 23, 2003.

"Any crime against a child is appalling, especially one that is sexual in nature," said Michael Rozos, field of director for detention and removal in Florida. "This monster will not terrorize our community any longer."

Macias is detained in Jacksonville's Clay County Jail. His removal from the United States is imminent.

Macias' arrest is part of a nationwide initiative known as Operation Predator. Operation Predator protects our children from sexual predators, including those who travel across continents to have sex with minors. Internet child pornographers and criminal alien sex offenders and child traffickers are also a priority for ICE. Since the initiative was launched in July of 2003, there have been more than 5,730 individuals arrested nationwide.

ICE encourages anyone who wants to report suspicious activity of suspected child predators and suspicious activity through our toll-free hotline at 1-866-DHS-2ICE. Investigators staff this hotline around the clock.

Suspected child sexual exploitation or missing children may be reported to the National Center for Missing & Exploited Children, an Operation Predator partner, at 1-800-843-5678 or <http://www.cybertipline.com>.

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